FELLOWS OF TEXAS.

Grand Lodge Convenes In Pifty-Sixth Annual Session,

IC RECEPTION AT TURNER HALL

of Grand Officers-Sessions of of Encampment, Rebekah Assembly and Grand Ludge.

044 Fellows Grand Lodge of Texas as fifty-sixth annual session in the Houston, Odd Fellows building, organization in the State are in of the members are in all there is unwards of 600

programme yesterday included a ession composed of the drill the Patriarch Militant, etc. It at Bryan hall at 2 o'clock yester-

ur benefit, pients of unstinted to of the first sub-lindependent Order tablished outside of a States. Lone Star-be standard of Odd No will be of short duration, we our conducted with he such as will profitable to both, and when we for our respective homes and bid all with respective homes and bid all with respective homes and bid all with resolution in fractorial grasp, which impressions be made that in the telephone with the time when Texus Odd Feftad the citizens of Houston mingled for a one for the common good of a 4r but one of the many instituted are as one for the common good of a 4r but one of the many instituted for an experiency over other similar organizations that has for its subset the devalue of main to be the equal at ward organization that proposed a consistency and to sid him in him a location and the subset has a location splicer and a higher the splitter, a present and a higher the splitter, a present the location of the splitter.

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tution is involved in some mystery as well as obscurity.

As early as 1745 Mr. Spray, in his history, says that a magazine speaks of the Odd Fellows ledge as a very pleasant place to trend an evening. And in 1788 James Montgomery, a poet of distinction, composed the first Odd Fellows song ever written, or known to be printed. It seems that a society then known as the Ancient and Honorable Leyal Odd Fellows were engaged in some kind of demonstration—perhaps an anniversary—and their banner bore the inscription, "Friendship, Love and Truth," And it was this beautiful motto that inspired the heart and directed the pen of Brother Montgomery when he wrote:

"When Friendship, Love and Truth abound

the pen of Brother Montgomery when he wrote;

"When Priendship, Love and Truth abound Among a band of brothers.
The cup of Joy goes gaily around,
I such shares the bliss of others.
Sweet reges grace the thorny way
Along the vale of sorrow;
The flowers that shed their leaves today
Shall bloom again tomorrow.
How grand in age, how fair in youth,
Are holy Priendship, Love and Truth."
In 1813, at Manchester, England, several
lodges secoded from what was then known
as the "Union Order of Odd Fellows" and
formed the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On April 25, 1519, the Independent Order

On April 26, 1819, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was successfully establish-ed in the lighted States by Brother Thos, Wildy. He was assisted by Brothers John Welch, John Duncan, John Cheatham and



G. C. Falim, Grand Secretary.

Nothing of a secturian or political char-icter is permitted within our portals. Tol-tration in religion, obedience to law and oyally to government is what we teach. We take the Bible as our instructor and gride, and all of our teachings and dec-rines are intended to mapire purity of hought and housety of purpose, our in-cention being peace on earth and good will oward, man

ment.
In all of our successes and reverses
woman has been to us a prime factor,
and her influence has accomplished great
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Yet they are very suspicious of us, and her do not comprehend the reason way it takes "tailaby" so long at nights to ride the goat and climb the greaty pole, and how it is that so many of a so the rassinge on one poor goat (without killing the goat), and it is quite mysicrious to some how the poor and antiquated attendance with the total of it. Some husbands have not a bit of it. Some husbands have gabricated so much that it put our esters upon inquiry and the discovery mide that upon inquiry and the discovery ma



Grand Treasurer S. W. Porter.

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of citizenship in any country, and a true type of the handtwork of God. type of the handiwork of God.

I call to mind an instance that in those days that fried men's souls exemplified the true rpirit of Old Pellownip. When the yellow plumed angel was hovering over the little city of Holly Springs, Miss., and desolation reigned since. the yellow plumed angest was hovering over the little city of Holly Springs, Miss, and desolation reigned supreme in many gitles, occasioned by the scourge of yellow fever, an appeal for help flashed over the country. All of the paid doctors and murses were engaged at other points, and the paid doctors and murses were engaged at other points, and the point was that the noble Dr. R. M. Syssemmen, who was then a member of my lodge, the young and chivarious Dr. Manning of Austin, Texas, bid farewell to all that was near and dear to them on earth, and went among the dead and dy. 10g. miletering as best they could a lovel upon the aliar of humanity if that tells of what pure and manly stuff an Odd Fellow is made.

God bless and keep green in the memory of men this example of self-sacrifice.

There is a monument erected to the memory of young Manning in the hearta of these resole that nether tempest. The tale will be teld by future general flowers in comparison to the noise principles upon which our order is found the horizon of thought nor extravagant for help the horizon of thought nor extravagant morpheye can measure our future growth. The tale will be teld by future generations, and the wonderful song of Friends and the world song of Friends and the wonderful song of Friends and

no more ful development of science, he wonderful development of science, and mechanism will rear their heads glory in monuments of perishing d and wasting marble until inventive, tive and artistic gentus cries out En-

tokat!

But the noble attributes of Friendship, Love and Truth and the benevolence of Odd Fell we find a home in the feares of good nen and women, and will ever live on, the wonder of God's creature, ontil humanity shall resolve itself into immortality. Then let us join the pact in the score;

A precent more holy ne'er came from Than its beautiful legend - Friendship, Truth and Love.

Sweet Friendship, thine aliar erect in the heart. For the world is more levely wherever thou art; Pair shakess and want never enter the And thy nathway is blest with the prayers of the poor.

Love, soul if creation, first essence of Him Who called world after world from the Oh, still be thine influence first in the And its thoughts turn to thee as the steel to the pole.

Truth, mightiest, hollest power of heaven To Fr endship and Love be thine fully ence given; With them o'er earth spread thy gloriou The bendit of the Odd Fellow, pride of

Again, in the name of this grand body and of Texas odd Pellows, permit me for them to think you for your kind and



A banjo duet by Professor Morris and L. E. Docke was followed by an address f welcome for the local Odd Fellows by

Master Rogers as the best deputy in the State, he having organized ten new lodges during the past year, and for this work the grand master presented him with a medules as an evidence of merit.

On motion the Grand Lodge proceeded with the election of officers for 1897, as follows.



Grand Master B. S. Rogers

THE DELEGATES.

Report of the Committee on Credentials to Grand Lodge.

committee on credentials of the Lodge Mesers Hen W. Rinne, Shortridge and W. S. Plunkett, a session yesterday from 9 o'clock

Olenberg, Herman Lodge, No. H. Rose, Western Star, No. 163, Charles
Whitley, Georgetown, No. 171, D. J.
Campbell, No. 181, O. R. Atkinson, Florence 183, J. M. Dougherty, Manuel Samoson Louise, No. 183; A. T. Rohn, Dewitt,
No. 191, L. T. Parks, Lameaster, No. 201, W. A. Barr, Welman, No. 201, P. A.
Davis, Euresa, No. 202; Thomas L.
Henry, Alpha Lodge, No. 293, William
Stonell, Plessanton Lodge, No. 293, William
Stonell, Plessanton Lodge, No. 294, Grand has since that time been actively engaged in the practice of law, He was elected city attorney of Gainesville in 1889, and held that office for six years, voluntarily retiring thererison, Lewisville, No. 224; F. E. D. Batson, Ennis, No. 277, S. E. Bumpass, Pride,
No. 223, William M. B. A. E. Dockow was followed by in address.

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Henry Fisher, Victoria, No. 39.

Henry Fisher, Victoria, No. 3; J. W. Buller, William Tell, No. 37; W. H. Hogan, Honey Grove, No. 9; J. W. Buller, William Tell, No. 37; W. H. Hogan, Honey Grove, No. 9; C. W. Lewis, Garnsville, No. III; W. H. North, Decalur, No. 142; L. Robinson, Kosse, No. 181; M. T. L. Culver, Hope, No. 175; L. P. Gartier, Breekinfrlige, No. 244; S. D. Terry, Charity, No. 242; T. R. Parks, De Sota, No. 319; W. F. Brantan, Welmar, No. 37; B. J. W. F. Brantan, Welmar, No. 37; B. J. Ripey, Merkel, No. 38; J. D. Carpenter, Mrs. Stillwell H. Russell of Dallas is one of the leading spirits of the Rebekah

F. C. Greiner, DeKolb, No. 329.

ALTERNATES.

Henry Fisher, Victoria, No. 3; J. W. Butler, William Tell, No. 27; W. H. Hogan, Honey Grove, No. 91; C. W. Lewis, Gayosville, No. III; W. H. North, Decadur, No. 14; E. Robinson, Kosse, No. 181; T. L. Culver, Hope, No. 178; L. P. Garner, Breckinridge, No. 24; S. D. Terry, Charlty, No. 26; T. R. Parks, De Sota, No. 319; W. F. Brannan, Welmar, No. 337; B. J. Rimey, Merkel, No. 355; J. D. Carpenter, Phoenix, No. 350; C. R. Bradley, John J. Goode lodge, No. 285; C. L. Lindsay, Chico, No. 285; J. W. Haskins, Red Oak, No. 379; T. R. McMillan, Whitewright, No. 365; C. C. Perrin, Celeste, No. 360,

FAST GRANDS.

C. F. Schreuder, Victoria, No. 2; J. A. Heath, Victoria, No. 2; S. I. Hendricks, Shawnee, No. 15; Robert L. Ford, Columbus, No. 51; G. W. Middiebrock, Columbus, No. 51; G. W. Balton, Ennis, No. 27; August Ballium, Fort Concho, No. 286; Geo. W. Whittesiles, Clisso, No. 281; R. Adams, Carlion, No. 350; W. R. Green, Celeste, No. 285; J. T. Ogden, Fanns Branch, No. 221; T. J. Self, Windom, No. 371; H. J. James, Staked Plains, No. 381; J. G. Blackburn, Houston, No. 411; A. W. Bakor, Amery, No. 60; O. C. Seary, Ark, No. 539; J. G. Blackburn, Houston, No. 411; A. W. Bakor, Amery, No. 60; O. C. Seary, Ark, No. 539; J. N. Name, Waxashachie, No. 89; Alex Baker, Amery, No. 69; O. C. Seary, AFR, No. 509; F. Grozza, Gambette lodge, No. 252; Na Name, Waxahachie, No. 899; Alex McFarriand, I. C. Stafford lodge, No. 698; R. W. King, Luling, No. 211; J. W. Haff, Hempstraid, No. 408; R. R. McDade, Hempstead, No. 408. The report was adopted.

MEETING OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

Officers Elected for 1897 and Routine

The Grand Encampment convened in Odd Fellows half at 10 o clock yesterday morning Alout 15 delegates were present. S. Marx, grand patriagels of War. hording About 118 delegates were present.

5. Marx, grand patriarch, of Wago, presided and Henry A. Linn of Austin affiiated as grand scribe, a position he has
seld for the past seven years, Following
afficers were installed for 1995;
Grand patriarch, H. Schwartz of Baird,
Grand high priest, D. Ludlow of San
Austine.

Grand scribe, Henry A. Link of Austin. Grand frankirer, S. W. Porter of Sher-

At 12.35 the encampment adjoined subject to call of the grand patriageh.

Mr. Linn was not a candidate for received in, having served the order faithfully for seven years.



SECOND ANNUAL SESSION.

Department Council, Patriarchs Militant, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The second annual session of the department council, Patriarchs Militant branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was called to order by the department commander, Lieutenant Colonel F. E. Hunter of Canton Del El Paso, and in the absence of the vice president, Lieutenant M. W. Florer, Sr., of Canton Dallas, No. 6, was appointed officer of the day. The following past commanders, lieutenants and chevaliers were present: Commandants S. B. Hopkins, H. B. Musana and Lieutenants George W. Streeter, A. J. Nichols and past commanders, Beutenants and chevaliers were present: Commandants 8. B. Hopkins, H. B. Musara and Lieutenants George W. Streeter, A. J. Nichols and M. W. Florer, Jr. chevaliers, John D. Hare, A. M. Skelton, G. O. Surber, H. F. Brownies, W. F. Bradley, C. R. Bradley, H. W. Darrah, J. F. Penech, Geo. F. Harris, Fred Glover, Herman Stensel, John E. Hess, Marks Hammer, W. W. Spence, C. Casscatine, John Molin, F. W. Stenibrink, John Lerette, E. M. Johnson, W. A. Downey, H. Hecksell, P. E. Nellon, Charles Biontini, Ben Bordins, W. F. Ori and George Skinner.

The department council was organized and transacted business of importance, pertaining to the military branch of the order. Department Commander F. E. Hunter presented his annual report and after being read it was referred to the different committees for action.

The most beautiful and the most attractive branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is the Canton branch, or Patriarch's Militant degrees, This degree embedies the most beautiful work of the order, being in fact a recapitulation of all branches.

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fine looking body of men and present a Canton Dallas, No. 6, of Dallas, Texas, Canten Dallas, No. 6, of Dallas, Texas, is ably represented by Colonel 8 B. Hep-kins and his scaff of officers. Willard Richardson, Canton No. 6, is also ably represented by Commandant II, B. Musons and his staff.

During the parade the cantons present acted as an escort of honor to the grand officers and Grand Lodge.

officers and Grand Ledge.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS HOME. WIDOWS AND ORPHANS HOME.
Mesers R. M. Collins, A. M. Dechman,
John T. Walton, T. G. Brooks, C. B. Sutherland and P. Geodman, trustees of the
widows and orphans' home at Corsicana,
report that one widow, fitteen beys and
fifteen girls are in the home at present.
Total amount expended during 1856 is
shown to be E01.46. Inventory of real
estate and personal property 22,2598
Amount of products and vinuyard sold,
FM.T. The report concludes as follows:
"We gre deligned to state that with Amount of products and vineyard sold. SMST. The report concludes as follows: "We are deligated to state time with the assessment of the per capita tax, it is rufficient to souport and maintain our widows and orphens' home, and create a sinking fund, and we cortisily invite all subordinate lodges to send their orphinate to our home, as we feel confident, under the present system of finances, that they can be well cared for and educated to the honor and credit to themselves and our noble corder, and especially since the organization of the Grand Assembly of the Daughters of Rebelah, who are taking such active interest with your board of trustees and looking into and supplying needs of the innutaes of the bome."

in the dissemination and perpetuation of the great principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

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I feel grateful for the high honor bestowed upon me, and I appreciate the hearty co-operation and material assistance given me by the brotherhood throughout this jurisdiction in the discharge of the laborious duties of the office.

My efforts have been to demonstrate, by a faithful discharge of the obligations resting upon me, that I desired to see the order prosper. That I have committed errors, I do not deny, and whatever they may have been, I leave them for my brethren to correct.

I have subordinated my private business whenever I could be of any benefit to the order.

In avcordance with the requirements of the constitution, I beg to submit for your

In accordance with the requirements of the constitution, I beg to submit for your consideration a full report of all my of-ficial acts during the past year, to be ap-proved or disapproved, as in your ma-ture judgment you may deem proper and just. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS, I commissioned the following district deputy grand masters in the districts be-low:

deputy grand masters in the districts below:

J. M. Biard, Paris, Lamar county; J.
F. Reed, Leonard, Fannin county; C. C.
McCorkle, Van Alstyne, Grayson county;
John R. Shortridge, Gainesville, Cook
county; W. E. Lancaster, Bowle, Montague county; W. A. Ish, Vernon, Wilbarger county; Levy J. Mercer, Black
Jack Grove, Horkins county; W. W. Pate,
Celeste, Hunt county; C. R. Kimsey, Alleac Collin county; C. J. Crabb, Decatur,
Wise county; D. E. Mabrey, Graham,
Young county; W. E. Singleton, Jefferson,
Marion county; Rev. C. A. Worley,
Clarksville, Red River county; R. G.
Brown, Lengview, Grogg county; Vic.
Reinbardt, Terrell, Kaufman county; C.
M. Harrison, Delta, Delta county; B. H.
Russell, Dellas, Dallas county; B. H.
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Embank, Fort Worth, Tarrant county,
W. P. Branen, Bragos, Palo Pinto
county; W. P. Branen, Bragos, Palo Pinto
county; W. P. Branen, Bragos, Palo Pinto
county; Warren C. Veale, Breatenridge,
Stophens county; E. S. Hull, Carthago,
Pariola county; W. H. Sovy, Jacksonville, county; Warren C. Veale, Breatenridge, Stephens county; E. S. Hull, Parthago, Panola county; W. H. Sory, Jacksonville, Cherokee county; J. M. Craig, Tyler, Smith county; A. M. Dechman, Waxahachie, Ellis county; William Bolts, Corsicalia, W. H. Wilson, Cleburner, J. H. Johnson, Meridian; E. Stavethagen, Lipan, Hoed county; A. W. McCorkle, Erath, Stephens county; Dantel Boore, Eastland, Callahan county; G. W. Jones, Baird, Callahan county; J. W. Crestophen, Buffield Hap, Taylor, Juffield Hap, Taylor, Buffield Hap, Taylor, Juffield Hap, Taylor, Buffield Hap, Taylor, Stephens A. W. McCorkie, Erath, Stephens county, Daniel Boone, Eastland, Eastland county, G. W. Jones, Baird, Caliaban county, J. W. Christopher, Bullale Cap, Taylor county, Thomas Q. Mullin, Colorado City, C. O. Harris, Eallinger, T. J. White, Coleman, Pat. Ford, Brownwood, Brown county: Thomas Turvey, Lamkin, Caman, Pat. Ford, Brownwood, Brown county: Thomas Turvey, Lamkin, Caman, Carvell county, R. W. Martin, Gatewille, Mills county; R. W. Martin, Gatewille, Carvell county; W. H. M. Williams, Wace, S. M. John, Kosse, Libestone county, C. A. Smith, Calvest; J. C. Ozenford, Cameron; C. W. Ludwig, Killeen, Beilcounty, John Sieders, San Esbai, H. L. Capell, El Paso; Chas Mulhern, Fort Davis, Theo, Schmidt, Mason; J. H. Fonda, Hurner, J. J. Gorden, Georgetown, J. H. Freeman, Navasota; A. T. McKinney, Huntsville, Robert C. Gallaher, Dei Rio; Gioorge W. Carris, Grange; J. L. Ammone, Breoham, J. L. Rousseau, Giddinss; R. J. Griesenbeck, Bassirop; H. M. Metz, Auslin, John Weilekind, Round Mountain, Blanco county; R. Fromme, San Marces; Otto Heilig, Now Braunfels; C. J. Butthold, Leiling; W. A. Beckham, Flatonia; W. A. Baar, Welmar, D. G. Shefby, Houston; Judga R. Kratz, Brackett; A. Bonbel, Eagle Pass, Maverick county; D. Ludiow, San Antonio, William Dum, Seguin A. J. Moore, Gonzales, J. E. Hargis, Yoakura H. V. Delagram, Rockport; C. O. Carsicon, Goldad, Henry Fisher, Victoria, George Avin, Mangali, A. B. Harding, Canadian; P. N. Taylor, Seymour, Baylor county, Charles F. Tighleman, Brownsville, E. B. Cury, Pleasanton, Ataneosa county, Ed Crawford, Silverton, W. U. Lane, Marshall, C. G. Burnett, Henderson, Rusk county; W. E. Wieley, Hullard, Dank A. W. Marshall, C. G. Burnett, Benderson, Rusk county; W. E. Wieley, Hullard, Dank A. W. Marshall, C. G. Burnett, Benderson, Rusk county, W. E. Wieley, Hullard, Dank A. W. Marshall, C. G. Burnett, Benderson, Rusk county, W. E. Wieley, Hullard, Dank A. W. Marshall, C. G. Burnett, Benderson, Rusk county, W. E. Wieley, Hullard, C. G. Burnett, Benderson, Rusk County, W. E. Wieley, Hulla

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